May Indicate That Times Are Harder Than They Were

#### POLICY OF THE PRESIDENT

Constantly Extending Service and Closing "Back-Door" Entrances to Departments.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11,-It in announced at the Civil Service Commis sion, that while the number of applicants for Federal positions under the civil service rules was only seven thousand, in this year, in round numbers is eighteen the number of applicants for examination may indicate that times are harder now

It is remarkable that while the number of applicants for position in the Federal service is increased so largely this year, the number of offices to which appointments are made under civil service rules has been about doubled since Mr. Rosevelt entered the White House. When he became President on the death of Mr. McKinley, there were \$3.000 officials holding office through appointment under the merit system. In round numbers there are now 185.000 persons in the classified service, appointed after examination. Of course, some of this increase is due to growth in the service but the greater part of it comes from extension of the service through executive order. The President has issued no less than sevenate no orders extending the service since he became President. The result is that it is well night impossible for a member of Congress in search of a job to give a hungry constituent to find anything not included in the classified service. The president will not be a present the constituents is concerned, if there were not a single place under the government to which the counder the government to which the counder the government to which the present constituents at large.

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mity of an office of the first class, in which the clerks would be under the merit system. As soon as the office was raised, the ofder putting the clerks under the civil service rules would be issued. The clerk would then be "transferred" to the department at Wasilington and from the Postoffice Department he might later be transferred to some other department. In this way he would be in the service in Wasilington without ever having passed a civil service examination. The investigation of the Postoffice Department two years ago revealed the fact that there were clerks on the rolls in various postoffices of the country, and drawing salaries attached to the positions who had never seen the interior of the offices to which they were accredited. They were waiting to have the offices rdised to a free delivery office when the clerks therein would be put under the civil service classification and could be smuggled into the department.

I ask no deposite-no reference-no security. There is nothing to risk-nothing to promise nothing to promise nothing to promise the result of th

Crystalized Poison!

Tour blood is always full of poison—the poison you eat and drink and breathe into your system, it is the purpose of the blood to absorb and carry off this very poison, And the kidneys, which are the blood filters, are expected to cleanse the blood and send it back through the system clean, to gather more poison which, they in turn, will eliminate. But sometimes the kidneys fall. And sometimes, from some other cause, the blood sets so full of poison that they cannot absorb it all. This is the start of Reumatian. The poison accumulates and crystalizes. The crystalizes look like little grains of sugar or of fine white sand. The blood carries them and they increase in size. Then, when it can carry them no longer, it deposits them in a joint—on bother—anythers.

On arm on a rainy day—these are the outward signs of the unseen crystals. And the twisted limbs and unspeakable anguish of the sufferer who has allowed his symptoms to so unheeded and unattended for years—these are the evidences of what Rheumatian, neglected, can do.

Rheumatism includes lumbago, solata,

A Dollar's Worth Free

be selected by a system of competitive registration, taking into account age, pity-steal condition and character. This ur-der alone made 24,000 "open" positions

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The system has been strengtiened in every direction, nothwithstanding the fact that Mr. Roosevelt has had the law suspended in so many cases in order to make special appointments. It is well understood that it is the iniention of the President to extend the system still further. In his first message to Congress, Mr. Roosevelt said that the merit system of making appointments is as Democratic as the public school system itself. The rule, which the President has caused to be regarded as iron clad, that fourth-class postmasters shall be removed for cause only, is believed to be but the forerunner of an order putting this class of officials under the merit system.

#### BOISSEAU-CUNNINGHAM. Beautiful But Quiet Home Wedding in Petersburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., April 11.—A
quietly beautiful wedding took place at
the home of Mr. John T. Pace, this ack
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the Locomotive Works by the fall of a

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# HARRISON'S MOVE

Retiring Mayor Appointed Engincer for New Road to be Owned by City.

WILL GET ALL THE CREDIT

New Mayor Disgusted, But Can Do Nothing-Trying to Settle Strike.

appointing Bion J. Arnold, a civil engineer, to construct the new Chicago Pasowned by the city. This appointment will prevent Mayor Dunne from carrying out his own plans with his own appointees, and former Mayor Harrison expects

the first municipal street railway line in Chicago.

Mayor Dunne, when he learned of the Harrison coup, hurriedly called a meeting of Mr. Arnold, former Commissioner of Public Works Blocki and Comptroller Lawrence McGann.

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On the day he was sworn into office Mayor Dunne discovered that the contract had been entered into by the city with Mr. Arnold. Mayor Harrison and Comptroller McGann signed this contract at the last moment, and when Judge Dunne protested he found that it was too late.

"I am very much disappointed at this action," said the new Mayor.
Advertisements for bids for the equipment of a municipal railway on the city passenger lines are already out, and former Mayor Harrison is now in a position to say he took the first practical steps toward the accomplishment of the change from private ownership.

some of his supporters he moved to lay the whole matter on the table until the next meeting.

Mr. Minor strongly opposed the motion of Mr. Blair, and said there was no reason for delay. He wanted to hear the committee from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Turnin did not believe the commit-

Commerce.

Mr. Turpin did not believe the committee could give any additional light, and after he and Mr. Minor had wrangled for a while Mr. Blair declared that he made the request because Mr. Gunst and others had asked postponement.

Mr. Gunst said he favored a recommittal, but that he did not ask for a postponement.

There was great applause when Mr. Gunst arose and corrected Mr. Blair, and those cheering were sharply reprimanded by the chair.

The President stopped all this by making a rule that a person should not be transferred from an office unless he had actually served six months therein and that when such transfer was to be made, the clerk so transferred should first stand the examination prescribed.

Extend System Farther.

Another "back door" into the civil service was the laborer's rolls. It was frequently possible to have a man appointed to the unclassified laborers' service in one of the departments and then, after the lapse of some time, to have him put into the classified service without an examination. The President stopped this by an order issued November 15, 1994, and another issued November 12, 1994, which orders provided that unclassified laborers at Washington and elsewhere, should

To Any Rheumatic Sufferer

Messrs. Blair and Minor interrupted Mr. Rennolds, each endeavoring to impress his views upon him as to which would be the best course to pursue.

Mr. Rennolds finally spoke for the motion to postpone, as he said he thought that would be the better plan.

Mr. Gunst spoke again for a recommittal, and Mr. Dabney arose to speak for recommittal. He declared that it was because Mr. Blair and his friends could not muster the required number of votes that they desired to postpone. He said bets had been made during the day that the Mills substitute would get eleven votes, and now they came here pleading for time. The only reason he could see not to recommitte was that the opposition had not the eleven votes which they had claimed.

Mr. Dabney spoke for the committee in asking that the matter he recommitted and he promised that the body would bring back a papor which might satisfy all the interests involved.

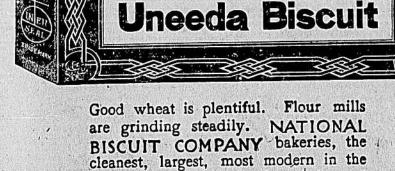
Blair Interrupts.

Mr. Blair often interrupted Mr. Dabney, but the laiter was amply able to take care of himself and amid great laughter, he asked Mr. Blair to rayor him with further interruptions.

Mr. Zimmermann opposed a recommittatal. He could see no reason for this course, and he urged that this motion be rejected. He was opposed to the committee were allowed to pass or be resident whould be rejected. He was opposed to the committee were allowed to pass or be rejected. He was opposed to the committee without discussion, and the members being and the members being and the motion was adopted by the following two and option was adopted by the following two and the following two and pred to recommit, and the motion was adopted by the following two and pred to recommit the following two andopted by the following two and pred that the motion was adopted by the following two and the following two and pred to recommit

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400,000,000 PACKAGES of this most nutritious of all foods have already been consumed but CHEER UP!



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NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

Mr. Wood finally got into the werts of the case, and declared that the lines proposed by the committee were all too broad. He thought the city should amprove the property already in, before taking such wide acres of open fields. He said he represented a constituency of working people, and almost to a man they were opposed to the committee's report. The motion to take until the next meeting was lost by a tie vote which was as follows:

Ayes-Messys. Blair, Cottrell, Mann, Rennolds, Satterfield, Whittet, Wood, Zimmermann and Turpin-9.

Noes-Messys. Beck, Bennett, Burton, Dabney, Donahoe, Gilman, Gunst, Minor, Washer-9;

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Mr. Minor moved that the Chamber of Commerce Committee be heard for ten ninutes, and this motion was opposed by

the gentleman from Henry (Mr. Blair) that the lines should be broadened.

Favored Progress.

He favored annexation and the progress of Richmond, but he repeated that he would not vote for either pian, because they were not for the best interests of his people, as he saw it. He thought the committee could bring in an amended plan which would be in the interest of real progress. Mr. Gunst thought there was some politics behind the contracted lines. He moved as a substitute for the whole, that the matter be recommitted.

Mr. Washer opposed the motion of Mr. Blair, and Mr. Rennolds said he could see no special difference between the two propositions.

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bers seemed to be engrossed on other subjects as the president stated the questions at issue.

The ordinance as to the proposed tax on pay telephone stations was recommitted on motion of Mr. Dabney.

It was 9 o'clock when the clerk announced "business from the other branch," and the members began to line up for and against the Mills substitute on annexation.

But a good deal of routine business "from the other branch" had to be disposed of before annexation was reached in the regular order.

The ordinance to protect asphait and macadam pawements against heavy wagons was concurred in without objection. The board concurred in the action of the lower branch in rejecting the petities.

## Ordinance Sent Back

Mr. Dabney advocated sustaining the Mayor's action in vetoing the ordinance to allow water privileges to citizens of the town of Fairmount. He was supported by Mr. Donahue and opposed by Mr. Wood. Messrs. Dabney and Donahue spoke on the question from a health standpoint. The ordinance was concurred in notwithstanding the veto of

pany Completes Organization.

(IX) Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 11.—The new million-dollar export company for handling naval stores direct from the operator to the foreign purchasers, completed its organization to-day by the selection of Walter F. Coachman, of Jacksonville, as president, and J. P. Williams of Savannah, vice-president. Fifty disectors were named. The organization grew out of a disagreement between factors and exporters prior to the let of April, on which date an agreement was to go into effect by which naval stores were to be sold in Jacksonville and other ports at Savannah prices. Previous to the organization of the present company, practically all naval stores were shipped through the kept of Savannah, other points being considered closed ports.

## VOTE FOR BONDS.

Winston-Salem Unanimous for a New Railroad.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., April 11.—

The proposition for Winston-Salem to vote \$100,000 in bonds for the building of the proposed Southbound Railroad from this place to Wadesboro or some other point in the eastern part of the State was carried in the election held today by an overwhelming majority. Only twenty-two votes were cast against the proposition

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Board of Trade to-night, steps were taken looking to the erection of a \$100,000 hotel in this city. A large portion of the stock is in sight and the remainder is practically assured.

# WILLIAM BOOKER IS GIVEN THREE YEARS

Loung Eyler, Charged With Train Wrecking, Admitted

CHESTERFIELD, VA., April 10.—Ine young negro, William Booker, whose case has several times continued in the Circuit Court, was to-day tried for the murder of Eddle Patterson, convicted of voluntary manslaughter and sent to the penitentiary for three years. Young Patterson (colored) was killed near Port Walthall on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad on 11 by 15th last, in a barn where

his jailor, though he claimed self-de

No grand Jury has been summoned a

the town of Fairmount. He was supported by Mr. Donahue and opposed by Mr. Wood. Messrs. Dabney and Donahue spoke on the question from a health standpoint. The ordinance was concurred in, notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor.

Mr. Doahney offered two resolutions on roll call, which were adopted.

One provides for the appointment of a Joint Committee to look into the question of the municipal ownership of street railways here, and the other for a Joint Committee to co-operate in an endeavor to secure new guns from the United States for the Howitzers.

HANDLE NAVAL STORES.

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## LOOKOUT TUNNEL.

Contract Awarded to Firm in Knoxville, Tenn. (By Associated Press.)

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KNOXVILLE, TENN, April II.—A firm of railroad contractors, of this city, to-day received advices from President Spencer, of the Southern Railway, awarding to them the contract to build the tunnel under Lookout Mountain, near Chattanoga, Tenn., on the Southern's of melon from Chattanoga to Sievensoh, Ain. The price involved in the contract is not mentioned, but it is supposed to be between two million and three million dollars. Work is to be begun at once.

#### MARYLAND READY. Big Cruiser to Go Into Commission This Month.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NDWPORT NEWS, VA., April, II.—The Navy Department has notified the ship-yard that the cruiser Maryiand would be accepted and placed in commission April 18th. The shipyard agrees to mount the guns whenever the government furnishes them and the ship probably will be ordered back here later on for that purpose.

THAT BEAUTIFUL QLOSS
comes from the varnish in Devoe's Varnish Floor Paint; costs 5 cents more-a
quart though. Sold by Harris Hard-

# APPOINT DEMOCRATS IF DEEMED NECESSARY

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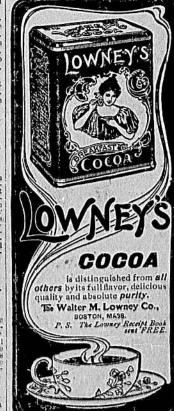
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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11 .- Post that naturally Republicans would be preferred in the appointment of class postmusters, but that if business consideration for the

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The Meat of It.

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